

REMARKS

This First Preliminary Amendment is being submitted in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application. Entry is respectfully requested.

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, lines 2-3, change "ARTIFICIAL FIRELOG AND FIRESTARTER CHIP
PRODUCING APPARATUS AND METHOD AND PRODUCTS PRODUCED
THEREFROM" to --FIRESTARTER MATERIAL AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE--.

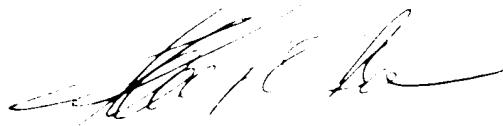
Page 1, delete lines 5 and 6 and insert:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of co-pending application serial number
09/165,270 filed on October 1, 1998. The application is also related to co-pending
application serial number 09/409,647 filed on October 1, 1999, and co-pending
application serial number 09/754,240 filed on January 3, 2001.--

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